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Good Morning Representative Roy, Senator Meyer and members of the Environment committee.

For the record, I am State Representative Matthew Lesser and I am here to testify on Proposed H.B. No. 5484 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR EXTENSION OF A WATER LINE FROM MIDDLETOWN TO DURHAM.

Clean water is something most of us take for granted, but for several hundred Durham residents drinkable tap water remains unavailable. Two superfund sites have contaminated the groundwater. This affects several hundred residents on Route 17 in Durham. For years they have been relying on bottle water, unable to drink what comes out of their faucets.

Fortunately, Middletown has a water surplus and is willing to share their water. There is a feasibility study which has been completed and another study will be completed this spring.

I urge the committee to help these residents obtain what, in this country, is a basic necessity – drinkable water.

Thank you for your time this morning and for your support of this important matter.